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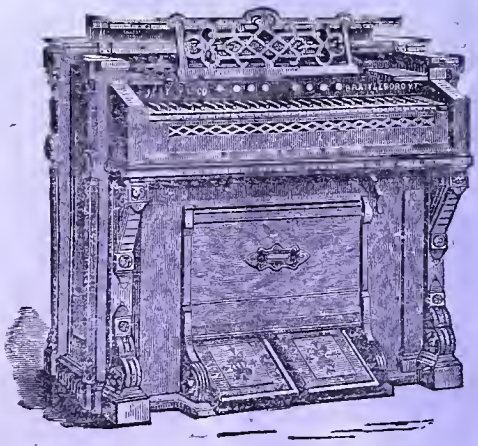

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NOTE—P. Pastor; W. C. Without Charge; E. Evangelist; F. M. Foreign Missionary; S. Supply; M. Missionary.

NAME.	CHURCH CONNECTION.	Official Station.	POST-OFFICE.
Andrews, Emerson	1st Reading,	E.	
Brittain, J. Henry,	Williston,	P.	Paoli, Pa.
Boardman, G. D.,	1st Philadelphia,	P.	1711 Summer street, Philada.
Bowman, George,	Hatborough,	P.	Hatborough, Pa.
Brower, D. E.,	Doylestown,	W. C.	Doylestown, Pa.
Conard, W. H.,	Davisville.	P.	Davisville, Pa.
Cook, R. B.,	Holmesburg,	P.	Holmesburg, Pa.
Coxey, William,	Nicetown,	W. C.	
Gardiner, R., M.D.	1st Philadelphia,	W. C.	146 N. 20th street, Philada.
Gill, Thos. A.,	1st Germantown,	W. C.	Germantown, Philadelphia.
Hallowell, C. T.,	Mt. Pleasant,	P.	Penlyn, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Hand, George,	Bethany,	P.	Hatborough, Pa.
Hastings, A. J.,	Doylestown,	P.	Doylestown, Pa.
Hay, A. J.,	York,	P.	York, Pa.
Hendrickson, C. R.	North, Philada.,	P.	1317 Marshall street, Philada.
Hutchinson, J. B.,	Olivet, Philada.,	P.	536 Federal street, Philada.
Hyde, J. C.,	Bristol,	P.	Bristol, Pa.
Jones, Miller,	Bridgeport,	P.	Bridgeport, Pa.
Jones, Philip L.,	1st Philadelphia,	M.	1624 Reed street, Philada.
Larison, G.H., M.D.	Solebury,	P.	Lambertville, N. J.
Leamy, H. H.,	Cold Point,	P.	Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
Lockwood, J. B.,	3d Germantown,	W. C.	Germantown, Philadelphia.
Luther, R. M.,	Nicetown,	F. M.	
Malcom, T. S.,	Nicetown,	W. C.	P. O. Box 552, Philadelphia.
Parks, J. H.,	Manayunk,	P.	Manayunk, Pa.
Pierce, George,	Harrisburg,	P.	Harrisburg, Pa.
Randolph, W., D.D.	1st Philadelphia,	W. C.	2113 Green street, Philada.
Robertson, J.,	Harrisburg,	W. C.	Harrisburg, Pa.
Sembower, A. H.,	1st Reading,	P.	221 S. Fifth street, Reading, Pa.
Siegfried, Simeon,	Willistown,	W. C.	Frazer, Pa.
Smith, Samuel J.,	1st Philadelphia,	F. M.	Siam, India.
Smith, William,	1st Philadelphia,	W. C.	
Scott, W. M.,	Gwynedd,	P.	North Wales, Pa.
Thwing, M. C.,	1st Germantown,	P.	Germantown, Philada.
Trotter, Thos. C.,	North, Philada.,	W. C.	1339 N. 11th street, Philada.
Watkinson, W. E.,	Nicetown,	P.	4072 Germantown Ave., Phila.

LICENTIATES.

Braislin, Edward,	First Philadelphia,	Upland, Delaware County, Pa.
Ballentine, John,	1st Reading,	
Elwell, J. T.,	North, Philadelphia,	1617 N. Eighth St., Philada.
Freed, I. G.,	Gwynedd,	North Wales, Pa.
Humpstone, John,	Bethesda,	Upland, Delaware County, Pa.
Jones, Jonathan,	1st Reading,	Lewisburg, Pa.
Knowlton, A. Curtis,	3d Germantown,	Lewisburg, Pa.
Lincoln, H. E.,	1st Philadelphia,	150 S. Fourth street, Philada.

MINUTES.

Tuesday, September 24th, 1872.

The North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches convened in its Fifteenth Annual Session, at 11.15 A. M. this day, in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Reading, Pa.

1. The Introductory Sermon.

After the usual preliminary exercises, conducted by Brethren J. H. Parks and Geo. Frear, D. D., the Opening Sermon was preached by Brother George Pierce, of Harrisburg, from Isaiah xlii. 1, 2: "*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*" *etc.* Theme: "The Reticence of Christ."

2. Collection for Incidental Expenses.

A collection to defray incidental expenses was taken up, amounting to $16.62.

Prayer by Brother Miller Jones.

3. Organization.

The Association was called to order by Brother W. H. Ruddiman, the Moderator of last session.

4. Election of Officers.

Proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren W. E. Watkinson, W. H. Conard, and W. J. Troth were appointed Tellers, who reported the election of G. D. Boardman, D. D., Moderator; T. C. Trotter, Clerk, and I. H. O'Harra, Treasurer.

Brother Boardman having, at his own urgent request, been excused, Bro. W. H. Ruddiman was elected to fill the vacancy.

Adjourned to 2.30 P. M. Prayer by Bro. C. R. Hendrickson.

Afternoon Session.

2.30 P.M. Association met. Prayer by Brother W. H. H. MARSH.

5. The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Clerk.

6. Committees.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On the Admission of Churches—H. H. LEAMY, WM. COXEY, D. H. Wilson.
On the Circular Letter—J. B. HUTCHINSON, J. H. PARKS, S. Coulter.
On the Minutes of Corresponding Bodies—W. E. WATKINSON. M. C. THWING, W. B. Smith.
On the State of the Churches—C. R. HENDRICKSON, MILLER JONES, W. D. Dounton.
Auditing Committee—L. Y. Walraven, G. Snyder, Conrad Smith.
On Arrangements for Next Session—W. H. CONARD, G. BOWMAN, *H. E. Lincoln.*
On Obituaries—A. J. HASTINGS, C. T. HALLOWELL, H. E. Newberry.
Missionary—R. B. COOK, A. H. SEMBOWER, E. S. Richards.

7. Invitation to Visiting Brethren.

Ministering and other brethren, not delegates, were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Association, when the following brethren were enrolled:

American Baptist Missionary Union—J. V. AMBLER.
American Baptist Home Mission Society—T. SWAIM.
Bible and Publication Society—S. DYER.
Centre Association—J. M. PERRY.
Central Union Association—L. B. Kaler, B. B. HENSHEY.
Philadelphia Association—W. S. CROWLEY, T. M. Eastwood, W. H. H. MARSH, D. J. R. STRAYER, J. G. WALKER.
Pennsylvania Baptist General Association—L. G. BECK.

8. Reading of the Letters.

Proceeded to the reading of the Letters from the Churches, commencing with that of the First Church, Reading, showing statistics and delegates as per tables.

9. Assistant Clerk.

Brother J. A. Wagenseller was appointed Assistant Clerk.

10. Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, recommend:

I. The Association meet at 9 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M. Adjourn at 12 M. and 5 P. M.

II. Brother M. C. Thwing, First Germantown Church, preach this evening; after sermon, the different Denominational Benevolent Societies have ten minutes each to present their claims, and a collection be taken for the General Association at conclusion.

III. Wednesday morning. Prayer-meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock, Doctrinal Sermon. Wednesday evening, a general conference.

A. H. SEMBOWER, *Chairman.*

Adjourned to 7 P. M. Prayer by Bro. G. D. BOARDMAN.

Evening Session.

7 P.M. Association met. Prayer by Brother P. L. JONES.

11. Historical Society.

Resolved, That, in view of the great importance of the work of the American Baptist Historical Society, we recommend each member to contribute one book for the Library, and one dollar for the erection of a suitable fire-proof building to contain the valuable books, pamphlets, manuscripts and portraits.

Resolved, That a collection be taken up for the American Baptist Historical Society at the close of the Doctrinal Sermon.

12. York Church.

An informal application from the Baptist Church at York, Pa., for admission into the Association, was referred to the Committee on the Admission of Churches, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

13. The National Baptist.

WHEREAS, *The National Baptist* is a recognized necessity in our State denominational work, and the interests of the paper demand for it a largely increased circulation,

Resolved, That we commend it as worthy a place in all our Christian households, and that we invite the special attention of Pastors and Deacons to this preamble and resolution.

14. Treasurer's Report.

I. H. O'HARRA, *Treasurer, in account with the North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches.*

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September 26, 1871 —To Cash, Balance as per last report		$18 31
" " " Collection after Introductory Sermon		15 11
" " " from Churches for printing Minutes		135 88
" " " Collection for Education Society and State Association		17 44
September 27, 1871 —To Cash, Collection for Historical Society		16 96
" " " Collection for Rev. Silas Livermore		33 18
		$236 88

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October 3, 1871—By Cash paid	Rev. L. G. Beck, for State Association	$8 72
" " " "	Rev. G. M. Spratt, for Education Society	8 72
October 20, 1871— " "	Rev. H. Malcom, for Historical Society	16 96
October 21, 1871— " "	J. A. Wagenseller, for printing Minutes	140 00
" " " "	Thos. Flint, Jr., & Co., for binding	2 50
April 5th, 1872— " "	Rev. Silas Livermore	33 18
" " " "	Rev. T. C. Trotter, for postage	2 50
September 24, 1872—By Cash, Balance in Treasurer's hands		24 30
		$236 88

We have examined the above account, and find it correct.

L. Y. WALRAVEN,
CONRAD SMITH,
GEORGE SNYDER, } *Committee.*

The Treasurer further reports that the amount of the collection, $33 18, was forwarded to Rev. Silas Livermore, and his receipt was received for the same as in full.

15. Sermon and Addresses.

Brother M. C. THWING preached from Joshua ii. 24: "*Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land;*" after which the claims of Denominational Benevolent Societies were presented as follows:

American Baptist Missionary Union—Brother J. V. AMBLER.
American Baptist Home Mission Society—T. SWAIM.
Pennsylvania Baptist General Association—L. G. BECK.
Publication and Bible Society—S. DYER.
Pennsylvania Baptist Education Society—G. D. BOARDMAN.
The National Baptist—Brother C. T. HALLOWELL.

A collection, amounting to $29.59, was then taken up in aid of the Pennsylvania Baptist General Association.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Prayer by Brother J. H. BRITTAIN.

Wednesday Morning.

8 A. M. Assembled for prayer and conference. Brother *H. E. Lincoln* presiding. The exercises were further sustained by Brethren J. C. HYDE, W. E. WATKINSON, Wm. Biggard, A. J. HAY, Wm. H. Ruddiman, *H. E. Lincoln*, D. J. R. STRAYER, J. A. Wagenseller, and *J. T. Elwell.*

9 A. M. Association met for business. Prayer by Brother W. H. CONARD.

16. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

17. The Baptist Home of Philadelphia.

W. H. RUDDIMAN, ESQ.,

Moderator of the North Philadelphia Baptist Association:

DEAR BROTHER:

I desire, in behalf of the Trustees of the Baptist Home of Philadelphia, to report to your body that during the past year we have had such encouraging success in our work, that we were compelled to seek larger accommodations. The Lady Managers, with commendable energy, organized several meetings, and finally, through the liberality of Brother Joseph F. Page, of the First Baptist Church, we secured a large lot of ground, at the corner of Seventeenth and Norris Streets, in the Nineteenth Ward of Philadelphia. We have commenced to erect thereon a large stone building, 120 feet long and three stories high, which will accommodate one hundred inmates. When completed, the Home will be an ornament to that section of the city, and is so arranged that it will add greatly to the comfort of the Lord's poor.

The entire cost will be about $60,000 and we have immediate need of funds, both to pay for this building and to form an Endowment Fund, so as to prevent the necessity of making annual appeals to the Churches. In addition to having the building, we ought to have about $100,000 safely invested, and it is our earnest prayer that the Lord will put it into the hearts of His people to remember the Baptist Home.

All contributions should be sent to L. Knowles, Esq., Treasurer, No. 1218 Market Street, Philadelphia.

I remain yours truly,

HORATIO GATES JONES,

Secretary of the Baptist Home.

Philadelphia, September 20, 1872.

18. The Next Session.

Committee on Arrangement for next Session would report:

Place—Bristol Church, Bucks County.

Introductory Sermon—Brother A. J. HASTINGS; alternate, P. L. JONES.

Doctrinal Sermon—Brother W. H. CONARD; alternate, C. R. HENDRICKSON.

W. H. CONARD,
GEORGE BOWMAN,
H. E. Lincoln, } *Committee.*

19. Committee on Admission of Churches.

Committee on Admission of Churches would respectfully report that the Church at York, Pa., has made application for admission to this Association. We express our satisfaction with its articles of faith, and recommend its admission.

H. H. LEAMY,
D. H. Wilson, } *Committee.*

20. Admission of York Church.

A statement was made in regard to the Church by its pastor, Bro. A. J. HAY, to whom the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship.

21. Committee on Corresponding Bodies.

The Committee on Corresponding Bodies would respectfully report:

Minutes for 1871 have been received from the following Associations: Abington, Beaver, Bradford, Central Union, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, French Creek, Monongahela, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Ten Mile, Wayne and Wyoming, and *General Association*, Pa., Trenton (N. J.), West New Jersey, Pennsylvania Baptist Education Society, and American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Committee notice that in a number of the Associations they have adopted the plan of having for their Circular Letter a short history of one of the Churches of the Association. We would respectfully recommend such a course in this Association. All of which is respectfully reported.

W. E. Watkinson,
M. C. Thwing,
Wm. B. Smith, } *Committee.*

22. Amendments to the By-Laws.

The following amendments to the By-Laws were unanimously adopted:

Item 3, by striking out, "On Circular Letter," and inserting, "On Church History."

" IV, item 6, by striking out the words, "Reading the Circular Letter," and inserting, "Reading Church History."

23. Church Histories.

Resolved, That a history of the Churches be given in the Minutes, in chronological order, commencing with the oldest Church.

24. Amendment to the Constitution.

On motion, the Constitution was amended by inserting the following preamble:

At a Convention of delegates from the following Churches, viz: *First Philadelphia*, *First Reading*, *Harrisburg*, *Willistown*, *Mt. Pleasant*, *Hatborough*, *West Caln*, *North*, Philadelphia; *Solebury*, *Bristol*, *Davisville*, *Bridgeport*, *Franklin*, Philadelphia; *Manayunk*, Philadelphia; *First Germantown*, Philadelphia; *Plymouth*, *Olivet*, Philadelphia; and *Lawrenceville*, held May 17th, A. D. 1858, and perfected September 28th, 1858, it was resolved to organize an Association and maintain the following Articles of Constitution.

25. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees report that the term of service of Brethren George Bowman and Stephen Coulter, Esq., expire by limitation, and that there are two vacancies caused by the removal of Rev. Geo. Frear and Rev. A. H. Lung from the Association. I. H. O'Harra, *Secretary.*

26. Election of Trustees.

On motion, proceeded to election of Trustees: Brethren W. M. Webster and M. C. THWING were appointed Tellers, who reported GEORGE BOWMAN and Stephen Coulter elected for six years, W. E. WATKINSON in place of GEORGE FREAR, and J. H. PARKS in place of A. H. LUNG.

27. Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries report, that Death has made an unusually wide breach of God's militant army during the past year.

Thus, in the providence of God, are we again impressively admonished to be ready also.

"Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now."

There is another important lesson taught by this feature of the year's history, viz: the ranks so rapidly thinned by death, must be as rapidly filled by others, who shall take the places of the sainted dead.

If this be not accomplished, we shall find ourselves weaker and weaker as the years go on, till at length we must fail before our foes.

Your Committee notice with pain, that an unusually large number of constituent members of the Churches—Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, and other principal workers of the Churches of the Association—have died during the past year, among whom we specially notice the names of Deacon Chilcott, of the North Church of Philadelphia; Deacons Fisher and Naylor, of the Solebury Church; Deacon Ruth, of the Willistown Church; Sister Rohrer, of the Hatborough Church; Sister Holme, of the Holmesburg Church, and Sister Smith, wife of Brother WM. SMITH, of the Olivet Church.

For the *number* of dead, the Committee refer you to the tabulated reports from the Churches contained in the Minutes.

May the Great Master, who has in wisdom removed these forces from the field, speedily reinforce us doubly, and may the house of Christ wax stronger and stronger, until the meek shall inherit the earth.

If your Committee may be allowed, they would recommend to the Churches to study *brevity* in their future obituary notices.

A. J. HASTINGS,
C. T. HALLOWELL,
H. E. Newberry, } *Committee.*

28. Committee on Admission of Churches.

Committee on Admission of Churches having examined all applications of Churches for admission to this body, have reported the same.

H. H. LEAMY,
D. H. Wilson, } *Committee.*

29. Committee on Circular Letter.

Your Committee report no Circular Letter present or prepared, and respectfully recommend a suspension of the By-Laws calling for such letter, and the substitution for discussion of the question of Sabbath observance, in its present aspects of peril and Christian duty.

J. B. HUTCHINSON,
J. H. PARKS,
S. Coulter, } *Committee.*

30. Doctrinal Sermon.

Suspended business to hear the Doctrinal Sermon, by Brother J. H. PARKS, from John xvii. 17: "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*" *Theme*—"SANCTIFICATION."

31. Collection for Historical Society.

A collection was taken for American Baptist Historical Society amounting to $11.16.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother GEORGE FREAR.

Afternoon Session.

2 P. M. The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Brother Franklin Sutton, of Lancaster.

32. Devotional Exercises.

On motion, ten minutes were devoted to prayer and singing. Prayer offered by Brethren C. R. HENDRICKSON and R. B. COOK.

33. Letter from York Church.

The letter from York Church, just arrived by mail, was read by Bro. A. J. HAY, Pastor.

34. Amendment to By-Laws.

On motion, item 6, Article II, of By-Laws, was amended to read as follows:

That the hour of meeting on Tuesday evening be fixed at 7 o'clock, when there shall be held a general missionary meeting, consisting of short addresses and prayers offered for the success of our Missionary work.

35. Discussion on Sabbath Observance.

The question of "Sabbath Observance, in its present aspects of peril and Christian duty," as recommended by Committee on Circular Letter, was now discussed by Brethren J. B. HUTCHINSON, H. L. WAYLAND, Editor of *National Baptist;* GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN, D. D., R. B. COOK, A. J. HAY, T. A. GILL, A. J. HASTINGS, *H. E. Lincoln*, and Samuel Baumgartner.

36. Report of Committee on State of the Churches.

Your Committee report, that having examined all the letters of the Churches, they are gratified to learn that a spirit of concord and brotherly love prevails throughout our Associational borders. There are no unholy dissentions, no disastrous disruptions.

Several Churches have enjoyed precious seasons of grace, and have been favored with large accessions by baptism, while nearly all have had some mercy drops.

The benevolent contributions indicate that the various departments of Christian work are commanding the sympathy and practical aid of the Churches as never before, though much remains to be done before it can be said that we have reached the New Testament standard of liberality. There is a healthful growth in this direction, which is encouraging.

We have special reason for gratitude to God for the truly wonderful change that has taken place in the Church at Bristol. Only one year ago this Church was struggling in darkness and despair, almost ready to disband and give up the field; now they come to us filled with comfort and overflowing with joy, on account of their remarkable spiritual and temporal prosperity.

The aid extended to Bristol in its need has been rewarded a hundred fold, and gives ample encouragement to extend similar aid to feeble Churches in like circumstances.

One Church, long accustomed to meet with us, has ceased to exist, but in its elements still lives in a new and more prosperous form. The Enon Church in its death became the germ and nucleus of the new Gethsemane Church, which promises to be one of the strongest Churches of Philadelphia. It is a most glorious transformation—a happy resurrection from weakness to power and glory.

A few Churches among us are still weak in numbers and feeble in resources, yet worthy of the deepest sympathy, prayers and material aid of the stronger Churches. Harrisburg, Lancaster, Bethesda, and a few others, need the same practical sympathy that was extended to the Church of Bristol, and which has been so signally blessed.

We find that the North Church submits the following very important question, and as it is one of general interest we lay it before you: "Does the violation of covenant obligations of members of a Church, possessing means, in habitually neglecting to contribute their just proportion towards its current expenses, constitute a valid ground for exclusion from the fellowship of the Church?"

In conclusion, your Committee feel that the past year has been one of such encouraging progress, that the Association should thank God and take courage, plan largely, work earnestly, pray fervently, till the field is cultivated, and the last sheaf has been harvested and laid before the Lord of the harvest.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. Hendrickson, Miller Jones, W. D. Dounton, *Committee.*

37. Query rom the North Church.

The query of North Church was, on motion, referred to a committee of three, to report at the meeting of the Association

next year. Brethren G. Bowman, J. H. Parks, and L. Streeper were appointed said Committee.

38. Thanks to Reporters.

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the reporters of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* and *Press*, for their very full and accurate reports of the doings of this body.

39. Thanks to Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of this Association are due to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for their generosity in passing the delegates over their road at half fare.

40. Report of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of the North Philadelphia Association respectfully report:

September 27, 1871—Cash on hand					$730 96	$730 96
September 24, 1872—Davisville Church, the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth instalments					160 00	
"	"	Doylestown, third instalment			50 00	
"	"	Bridgeport, seventh instalment			16 00	
"	"	Gwynedd, ninth instalment			10 00	
"	"	First Church, for Building Fund			68 29	
"	"	Willistown,	"	"	6 60	
"	"	Mt. Pleasant,	"	"	5 90	
"	"	Hatborough,	"	"	19 40	
"	"	North,	"	"	17 06	
"	"	Davisville,	"	"	17 00	
"	"	Bridgeport,	"	"	15 00	
"	"	Nicetown,	"	"	12 60	
"	"	Cold Point,	"	"	7 05	
"	"	Gwynedd,	"	"	4 50	
"	"	Doylestown,	"	"	10 40	
"	"	Third Germantown,	"		15 00	
"	"	Lancaster,	"	"	3 20	
"	"	Bethany,	"	"	5 00	
"	"	Bethesda	"	"	2 20	
"	"	York,	"	"	5 00	$450 11
						$1181 07
June 14th, 1872—Cash paid Lancaster Church						700 00
						$481 07

The Trustees further report that the amount of Loans unpaid is $1188 00, which added to the above makes the amount of the Building Fund $1669 07.

We have examined the above account, and find the same to be correct, with a balance on hand of four hundred and eighty-one dollars and seven cents ($481 07).

W. D. Dounton, } *Auditors.*
D. H. Wilson, }

W. E. Watkinson, President.

41. Report of Missionary Committee.

Whereas, This Association is meant to be a Home Missionary body, and whereas the General Association of Pennsylvania is its recognized agent in this work, therefore your Missionary Committee would call attention to the fact that the General Association has in the last year spent $2,241.67 within the bounds of this body, while our Churches, in the same period, have only con-

tributed $1,193.25 to that Society, and therefore propose the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be recommended to raise among themselves the ensuing year, at least the amount expended within our Associational field of labor, for the use of our State Convention.

RICHARD B. COOK, } *Committee.*
A. H. SEMBOWER, }

42. Resolution on Temperance.

Resolved, That it is the duty of Pastors and people to do all in their power to promote the cause of Temperance by active co-operation therewith.

43. Delegates to General Association.

On motion, a committee of three be appointed to attend the meeting of the General Association at Oil City, and that they appoint one of their number to write the letter from this Association. Dr. BOARDMAN, W. H. CONARD, and Dr. HENDRICKSON, were appointed said Committee.

44. Church Building Loan Fund.

Resolved, That we earnestly renew our recommendation to the Churches of this Association to contribute not less than ten cents per member, annually, to our Church Building Loan Fund.

45. Thanks for Hospitality.

Resolved, That this Association hereby tender its thanks to the Church and congregation with which we meet, for the generous hospitalities extended to us during our stay among them.

46. Address by Dr. Wayland.

Fifteen minutes were granted to Dr. WAYLAND to address the Association in behalf of the *National Baptist*.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. B. HUTCHINSON.

Evening Session.

7 P. M. Association met. Prayer by Brother W. E. WATKINSON.

47. Request to First Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to inform the First

Baptist Church, Philadelphia, of the change of order in our Circular Letter, and request them, as being oldest in chronological order, to furnish its history to the Association at its session next year.

18. Digest of Letters and Printing of Minutes.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a Digest of the Letters for printing with the Minutes, and to attend to the printing and distribution of the same; also that the letter of the Enon Church, announcing their dissolution, be inserted entire.

49. The Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a general conference, in which Brethren MILLER JONES, C. R. HENDRICKSON, C. T. HALLOWELL, D. H. Wilson, R. B. COOK, W. E. WATKINSON, A. J. HAY, W. H. H. MARSH, L. Y. Walraven, Conrad Smith, J. A. Wagenseller, *H. E. Lincoln*, M. C. THWING, J. Lyons, J. B. HUTCHINSON, and A. H. SEMBOWER, participated.

After a short valedictory by the Moderator, and prayer and the benediction by Brother A. H. SEMBOWER, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Bristol, Bucks County, on the last Tuesday in September, 1873.

W. H. RUDDIMAN, MODERATOR.

THOS. C. TROTTER, CLERK.

J. A. WAGENSELLER, ASSISTANT.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

The names of Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS, and Licentiates in *italics*. The date after the name of each Church denotes the year it was constituted; the dat after the name of each Pastor denotes the year of settlement. *not present.

PASTORS, DELEGATES AND CLERKS.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.							
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Present Number.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	For Minutes.
1. FIRST, Phila.—N. W. Cor. Broad & Arch Sts.—1698. G. D. BOARDMAN, D. D., *Pastor*—1864. W. RANDOLPH, *H. E. Lincoln*, Wm. S. Hansell.* PHILIP L. JONES, *Edward Braislin*, Thos. Wattson,* R GARDINER, M.D.* I. H. O'Harra, J. F. Forepaugh, WM. SMITH,* L. Y. Walraven, W. M. Webster. William B. Hanna, *Clerk*, 204 S. 5th St., Phila.....	33	29	...	...	14	...	...	12	682	6	2	10 18
2. FIRST, Reading—Berks County—1828. A. H. SEMBOWER, *Pastor*—1872. Adam Johnson, James S. Hill, William Stump, Daniel Shaaber, Henry Radford, E. S. Miller. John H. Rankin, Jos. Philips. James S. Hill, *Clerk*, Reading, Pa.....	2	7	...	...	13	10	3	4	325	2	2	10 00
3. HARRISBURG, Dauphin County—1830. GEORGE PIERCE, *Pastor*—1869. John Whitman, S. C. Woodward, C. W. Moore, A. J. Pugh. Geo. A. Pierce, *Clerk*, Harrisburg, Pa.....	...	6	...	1	4	...	1	8	74	2	...	3 00
4. WILLISTOWN, Chester County—1833. J. H. BRITTAIN, *Pastor*—1871. S. SIEGFRIED, Jesse Thomas, Abner Cornog, W. E. Compton, Malachi Harris, Joseph A. Malin, John T. Harrar, Jos. B. Showalter, John Johnson, A. Judson Ruth. A. J. Ruth, *Clerk*, Warren Tavern..	2	2	...	1	4	...	3	7	283	2	...	5 00
5. MOUNT PLEASANT, Montgomery County—1834. CHARLES T. HALLOWELL, *Pastor*—1871. William Ketler, Chas. O Yocum, George Rodemick Charles Bolton, M. D., *Clerk*, Whitemarsh, Pa.....	33	9	1	...	3	3	1	1	129	1	...	6 00
6. HATBOROUGH—Montgomery County—1835. GEORGE BOWMAN, *Pastor*—1871. David B. Dean, Joseph Lyons, Elmer Walton, George Bowen, Lewis Walton, Lewis Eisenbrey, Chas. C. McNair, Levi Walton. John H. Kelly, *Clerk*, Hatborough, Pa.....	50	4	2	...	8	12	3	1	194	1	...	5 82
7. WEST CALN—Chester County—1842. No Pastor. Letter. Benj. V. Kurtz, *Clerk*, Wagontown, Pa.....	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	30	...	...	70
8. NORTH—Eighth St., above Master, Phila—1842. C. R. HENDRICKSON, D.D., *Pastor*—1871. T. C. TROTTER, George Snyder, Leonard Streeper *Jacob T. Elwell*, B. Crawford, Jos. Culbertson, Cornelius Jones, John Hey, Jacob Culbertson J. B. Wood. L. Streeper. *Clerk*, 988 N. 5th St., Phila...	62	17	...	1	10	15	6	7	442	2	1	12 00

PASTORS, DELEGATES AND CLERKS.	Increase.				Decrease.				Present Number.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	For Minutes.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.				
9. SOLEBURY—Bucks County—1843. George H. Larison, *Pastor*—1872. Henry Kooker, John Edwards, Jona. Groom, Wm. Sands. Jacob Kooker, *Clerk*, Lahaska, Bucks County, Pa	3	2	...	...	...	22	7	2	106	1	...	3 20
10. BRISTOL—Bucks County—1849. J. C. Hyde, *Pastor*—1871. John Thorn. F. B. Burke, *Clerk*, Bristol, Pa.	68	11	2	4	...	...	...	1	144	1	...	3 50
11. DAVISVILLE—Bucks County—1849. W. H. Conard, *Pastor*—1862. Samuel Leedom, Edw Boileau, Wallace Duncan, John Heritage, William Thomas, George Vancleve, Gen. John Davis, Charles Heaton.	10	3	...	...	1	2	1	3	170	1	...	5 10
12. BRIDGEPORT—Montgomery County—1850. Miller Jones, *Pastor*—1872. H. E. Newberry, John Keiger, G. W. Gilbert, William Swann, J. Thompson, Thos. Stanley. S. B. Lewis. S. B. Lewis, *Clerk*, Norristown, Pa.	...	11	1	...	3	1	1	3	150	1	...	5 00
13. NICETOWN—Philadelphia—1850. Wm. E. Watkinson, *Pastor*—1871. T. S. Malcom,* Wm. Biggard, J. Weiderman, R. M. Luther,* E. Noon, P. Curren, Wm. Coxey, Wm. W. Collins, Wm. Biggard, Jr. W. D. Dounton, John Barrows, *Clerk*, 3892 Germantown Avenue.	13	2	...	...	3	23	9	4	126	4	...	3 78
14. MANAYUNK—Philadelphia—1856. J. H. Parks, *Pastor*—1870. P. W. Levering, John Morris, D. T. Trites, M.D., F. Bailiff. Morris Levering, D. T. Trites, M. D., *Clerk*, Manayunk, Pa.	8	5	1	1	1	...	11	4	292	1	...	6 00
15. FIRST, Germantown—Philadelphia—1852. Meville C. Thwing, *Pastor*—1872. Thomas A. Gill, Stephen Coulter, H. Winterbottom Henry Pollard, W. W. Patton, John Moore. George Scatchard, *Clerk*, Germantown, Pa.	29	11	...	...	4	...	...	2	279	2	...	8 00
16. COLD POINT—Montgomery County—1854. H. H. Leamy, *Pastor*—1870. J. Batdorf, Edwin L. Kirk, David Marple. John Getman. John Getman, *Clerk*, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.	19	2	...	...	7	5	2	2	162	1	...	4 00
17. OLIVET—S. E. Cor. 6th & Federal Sts., Phila—1856. J. B. Hutchinson, *Pastor*—1869. David H. Wilson, E. J. J. Gill, John Ridsdale, Wm. J. Troth, John Orth, N. M. Wilson. John Finch, Alfred C. Stubb, Jesse C. Parry, William H. Ruddiman. W. H. Ruddiman, *Clerk*, 504 Walnut St., Phila.	13	2	1	...	6	...	...	4	359	1	...	11 00
18. LAWRENCEVILLE—Chester County—1858. No Pastor. J. M. Pennypacker, I. M. Pennypacker. Enos D. Miller, *Clerk*, Setzler's Store, Pa.	11	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	88	...	...	2 00

PASTORS, DELEGATES AND CLERKS.	Increase				Decrease							
	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Present Number.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	For Minutes.
19. ENON—Twentieth & Oxford Streets, Phila—1860. Disbanded, February 8, 1872.....	2	...	...	...	59	40	3	...	.....	...	..	.....
20. GWYNEDD—Montgomery County—1861. W. M. SCOTT,* *Pastor*—1870. *I. G. Freed,* Matthias Stover. F. A. Weber, *Clerk*, North Wales, Pa.....	7	...	..	...	2	...	...	2	50	1	1	1 30
21. DOYLESTOWN—Bucks County—1868. A. J. HASTINGS, *Pastor*—1870. D. E. BROWER,* Mrs. M. E. Hastings. Charles Rotzel, *Clerk*, Doylestown, Pa.....	5	3	...	...	1	3	...	...	104	2	...	3 12
22. THIRD, Germantown—Philadelphia—1868. No Pastor. J. B. LOCKWOOD, J. A. Wagenseller, John Rufe, Wm. B. Smith, E. S. Richards,* Wm. Witzman. J. A. Wagenseller, *Clerk*, 23 N. 6th St., Phila.....	12	...	2	...	14	...	5	1	270	1	1	8 10
23. HOLMESBURG—Philadelphia—1832. RICHARD B. COOK, *Pastor*—1864. Samuel Rowland. Wm. B. Bunker, *Clerk*, Holmesburg, Pa.....	5	8	...	...	6	...	8	6	134	1	...	4 00
24. LANCASTER—Lancaster County—1869. No Pastor. Charles Beale, Franklin Sutton, Richard Smith, Benjamin Fox, M. B. Anderson. Franklin Sutton, *Clerk*, Lancaster, Pa	2	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	32	...	...	50
25. SECOND, Reading—Berks County—1870. No Pastor. W. Schweimler, Albert Schaeffer, G. C. D. Powell, Thos. Morgan, Titus Shingle, D. G. Felix. A. Steinback. Ezra B. High, *Clerk*, 1515 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa...	2	2	1	...	5	...	6	2	32	...	...	1 00
26. BETHESDA—Erie Avenue, Phila—1870. *John Humpstone, Supply* F. Jennings, Job Rutty, Conrad Smith. J. G. Seemiller, *Clerk*, Turner & Venango Sts. Phila	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	1	22	...	1	1 50
27. BETHANY—Fox Chase, Philadelphia—1870. GEORGE HAND,* *Pastor*—1871. John Blake, Joseph Rhoads, Frank C. Rhoads. Franklin Eisenbrey. Jos. Rhoads, *Clerk*, Fox Chase, 23d Ward, Phila.....	1	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	48	1	...	1 45
28. YORK†—York County—1851. ANDREW J. HAY, *Pastor*—1870. Samuel Baumgartner. Thomas Wood, *Clerk*, York, Pa.....	...	7	...	..	1	...	2	1	52	1	...	1 56

† Received this Year.

RECAPITULATION.

Churches	27	Other Ordained Ministers	15
Pastors	21	Licentiates	8

Amount for Printing Minutes.....$116 81.

Total reported last year		4720
Increase—By Baptism	392	
By Letter	158	
By Experience	12	
By Restoration	9	
	571	
York Church, received this year	52	623
		5343
Decrease—By Letter	274	
By Erasure	137	
By Exclusion	72	
By Death	79	562
		4781
Total Membership reported this year		4779
Discrepancy		2

Benevolent Contributions.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	General Association.	Bible Cause.	Publication Society.	Ministerial Education	Miscellaneous Objects.	Church Building Loan Fund.	Home Church Expenses.	Total.
1. First, Philada	687 32	$581 53	$973 00	.....	219 39	$414 85	$674 43	$68 20	$9000 00	12018 72
2. First, Reading	61 25	.....	.....	.....	25 60	124 30	619 26	.....	2722 79	3553 20
3. Harrisburg	48 00	50 00	181 00	.....	.....	43 00	50 00	.....	839 55	1211 55
4. Willistown	71 56	89 00	51 80	26 65	22 97	42 37	100 00	6 60	1220 21	1631 16
5. Mount Pleasant	53 15	24 00	20 00	.....	12 00	70 00	.....	5 90	1386 00	1571 05
6. Hatborough	61 45	28 85	75 56	28 85	22 22	28 66	70 47	19 40	1435 94	1771 40
7. West Clan	.....	.....	.....	1 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 93
8. North, Philada	50 00	73 31	66 83	77 75	63 51	51 80	137 00	17 06	8867 00	9404 26
9. Solebury	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	4 45	.....	.....	2100 00	2134 45
10. Bristol	21 00	30 25	25 00	.....	.....	17 60	2400 00	.....	1225 00	3718 85
11. Davisville	50 00	40 00	55 00	17 05	.....	73 30	90 00	17 00	2632 93	2975 28
12. Bridgeport	10 00	30 80	16 50	17 00	.....	12 00	5 00	15 00	1400 00	1506 30
13. Nicetown	100 00	40 00	.....	.....	25 00	35 00	162 46	12 60	1416 79	1791 85
14. Manayunk	54 75	48 00	.....	.....	27 96	47 97	83 47	.....	3905 85	4168 00
15. 1st, Germantown	12 00	16 50	51 52	71 03	29 55	10 50	50 00	.....	1516 15	1757 25
16. Cold Point	27 00	30 00	27 50	.....	9 55	37 00	375 07	7 05	1661 62	2174 71
17. Olivet	30 75	28 00	20 00	.....	24 70	31 25	1015 03	.....	4569 48	5719 21
18. Lawrenceville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	579 79
19. Enon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20. Gwynedd	4 25	5 50	13 00	.....	7 50	11 51	14 85	4 50	498 56	559 67
21. Doylestown	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	33 00	700 00	10 40	1400 00	2178 40
22. 3d, Germantown	50 00	56 32	194 55	.....	.....	50 00	475 00	15 00	3098 97	3939 84
23. Holmesburg	.....	102 00	39 65	10 15	33 57	64 30	172 03	.....	2143 56	2565 36
24. Lancaster	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 20	400 00	406 20
25. Second, Reading	3 50	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	110 37	.....	423 64	539 85
26. Bethesda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	2 20	947 33	955 53
27. Bethany	.....	12 80	.....	.....	.....	9 08	.....	5 00	956 01	982 89
28. York	15 00	.....	64 88	.....	.....	50 00	600 00	5 00	600 23	1330 11
	1410 98	1316 86	1278 13	285 41	523 62	1264 94	7910 44	214 11	56947 40	71145 14

Sabbath School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Teachers Baptized.	Scholars Baptized.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT.
1. First, Philada	3	83	717	1950	.....	25	H. H. Kimball, S. F. Hansell, J. S. Moore.
2. First, Reading	2	36	350	982	.....	.....	D. Shaaber, Wm. Stump, Reading, Pa.
3. Harrisburg	1	13	93	536	.....	.....	S. C. Woodward, Harrisburg, Pa.
4. Willistown	1	10	120	300	.....	1	J. H. BRITTAIN, Wm. E. Compton, Paoli.
5. Mt. Pleasant	1	8	101	350	.....	20	C. T. HALLOWELL, Penllyn, Montg. Co., Pa.
6. Hatborough	3	23	165	1340	.....	12	C. C. McNair, J. Kelly, L. Eisenbrey.
7. West Caln	1	7	41	100	.....	.....	Last year's report.
8. North, Philada	1	36	674	912	1	37	Wm. M. Shoemaker, N. E. cor. 4th & Race.
9. Solebury	1	7	111	286	.....	.....	Wm. Sands, Wm. Samsell, Lahaska, Pa.
10. Bristol	1	15	148	200	3	44	J. B. Mears, D. Stackhouse, Bristol, Pa.
11. Davisville	1	17	150	550	.....	4	W. H. CONARD, S Leedom, Davisville, Pa.
12. Bridgeport	2	24	162	900	.....	.....	S. B. Lewis, I. Keiger, H. E. Newberry.
13. Nicetown	1	12	120	260	.....	9	Wm. D. Dounton, 4103 Germantown Ave.
14. Manayunk	1	24	285	562	.....	4	Wm. J. Kerr, Manayunk.
15. 1st, Germantown	1	32	382	650	1	21	W. W. Patton, W. C. Walker, Germant'n.
16. Cold Point	1	14	175	400	.....	6	H. H. LEAMY, Plymouth Meeting, Pa,
17. Olivet	3	60	521	1295	.....	13	W.H.Ruddiman, D.H.Wilson, W.S.Delany
18. Lawrenceville	2	17	170	850	.....	5	W. J. Dunlap, Lizzie A. Stineruck.
19. Enon	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
20. Gwynedd	1	8	60	457	.....	.....	M. Johnson, Kulpsville, Pa.
21. Doylestown	1	14	125	350	.....	.....	
22. 3d, Germantown	1	30	250	550	.....	7	Wm. E S. Baker, Fisher's Lane, Germ'n.
23. Holmesburg	1	18	157	620	.....	2	M. Rowland, Sr., Holmesburg, Pa.
24. Lancaster	1	14	70	400	.....	.....	Franklin Sutton, Lancaster, Pa.
25. 2d, Reading	1	20	146	360	1	.....	J. H. Rankin, T. Shingle, Reading, Pa.
26. Bethesda	1	8	43	352	.....	.....	John Barry, 15th street, below Girard ave.
27. Bethany	1	12	100	525	.....	.....	H. K. Pierson, Jos. Rhoads, Fox Chase, Pa.
28. York	1	6	55	200	.....	.....	Andrew Watt, York, Pa.
	36	568	5491	16237	6	210	

Board of Trustees.

Pastors.	*Laymen.*	*Term Expires.*
J. H. PARKS	Thomas Wattson	1873
R. B. COOK	Edwin S. Richards	1874
WM. E. WATKINSON	D. H. Wilson	1875
W. H. CONARD	Wm. D. Dounton	1876
J. B. HUTCHINSON	I. H. O'Harra	1877
GEORGE BOWMAN	Stephen Coulter	1878

THE PRESENT CONDITION,

As shown in the Letters from the Churches.

1. The *First Philadelphia Church* have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. The labors of their pastor, the toil and services of Bro. P. L. JONES, in charge of the Mission, at Broad and Reed streets, and those engaged at their "Emanuel Chapel," have been owned and rewarded, and many willing converts have put on Christ by baptism. In compliance with the request of several of their revered office-bearers, who, by reason of advancing years, desired to be assisted in the discharge of their duties, they have elected two additional deacons, and as the Chapel at Broad and Reed streets is so distant from them, and the number worshipping there has so increased, they have thought best to enable Bro. P. L. JONES to celebrate the ordinances among them, and have set apart two deacons for that purpose.

2. The *First Reading Church* welcome us to their homes and hospitalities. In January last, their much beloved Pastor, Bro. G. FREAR, who for more than thirteen years went in and out before them as an undershepherd, announced his determination to leave them for another field of labor, and in this decision they were compelled to acquiesce, though not without many regrets. For a few months they depended upon supplies, but this to them, who had been served so long and so well by regular pastors, was not satisfactory, and about the first of April they extended a call to Bro. A. H. SEMBOWER, who commenced his labors with them the first Sunday in June. They are happily united as a Church; their prayer meetings are well attended, and they are prayerfully looking forward for an outpouring of the Spirit, and a gracious work in their midst.

3. The *Harrisburg Church* have been enabled to maintain their public services with regularity, but without marked increase of attendance. Their meetings for prayer have always been well attended, and by an unusually large proportion of the Church, and have proved an abundant source of Christian improvement, notwithstanding their disappointment in not witnessing the power of converting grace. They have a pleasant and prosper-

ous Sunday-school, which is decidedly the most encouraging part of their work. They have done something also in improving their beautiful and valuable Church property; this has been done at no inconsiderable expense, without outside assistance, and without incurring any indebtedness.

4. The *Williston Church* have passed through a year marked by God's long suffering, rather than God's power. Full congregations have attended their Sabbath services; their prayer meetings have been regularly maintained, and their Sunday-school has continued its sessions all the year, thus doubling its capacity for usefulness. Four schools at out-stations are also largely sustained by their members. Their benevolent contributions exhibit something of an increase over previous years, but feel their need of more consecration of substance, and more systematic giving in order to meet demands both at home and abroad.

5. The *Mount Pleasant Church* have been permitted to taste of the richfulness of their God, and in their midst He has made bare His arm. Soon after the last session of the Association, a number of the sisters of the Church were moved to engage in a prayer meeting before the Sabbath evening service, to invoke a special blessing upon pastor and people. The movement was spontaneous, and God's power was soon felt in their midst. The Church, after earnest prayer for Divine guidance, decided to commence a series of extra meetings, which continued almost to the close of the year—willing converts being baptized nearly every Sabbath. Through the efforts of their pastor, a lot has been purchased in the village of Ambler, on which they propose as soon as practicable, to erect a Mission Chapel.

6. The *Hatborough Church* have been privileged to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a revival of the work of grace, which for its intensity and power, and the richness of its results, is seldom equalled. Beginning with the week of prayer, they held a series of meetings, which continued about two months. The members of the Church labored faithfully with the pastor, both in the meetings and in visiting from house to house. The Divine blessing attended these efforts, and many precious souls were converted and baptized; a large proportion were heads of families, some of them affording remarkable and truly wonderful displays of the power of Divine grace.

7. The *West Caln Church* have had the gospel preached to them and the ordinances regularly administered until June last, when Bro. A. G. Compton closed his labors with them, since which time they have had no preaching, but have met together for prayer. Their prayer meetings seem to be growing in interest, and they are now about to hold a series of evening meetings. Having been for a time embarrassed in their financial affairs, they are now happy to report the Church out of debt.

8. The *North Church, Philadelphia*, have been most graciously favored with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. A delightful spirit of brotherly love and earnest prayer pervaded the Church, and souls found peace in believing, and were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ. They have labored together in peace and harmony, and have been favored with signs of healthful growth and prosperity. In the Sabbath-school department they have much cause for rejoicing; their pupils shared largely in the revival influences. By a liberal outlay they have added largely to the convenience and comfort of their school-rooms, making them models of cheerfulness and beauty. They hope to become more scripturally intelligent, liberal, holy and Christlike, that their influence for good may extend far and wide to the glory of God the Father, and of His Son Jesus Christ.

9. The *Solebury Church*, though the year past has not been marked by as much progress as desired, are hopeful of the future. They have had regular preaching in their house of worship by their pastor, and have sustained regular services at an out-station. Their prayer meetings have been kept up regularly throughout the year. Their Sabbath-school is in a flourishing condition. During the month of January they held a series of meetings, with but little visible results. The house of worship, which was in a dilapidated condition, has been rebuilt, and is now neat and commodious, costing $1500, of which $350 is still unprovided for, but which they hope in some way to have soon, and be free from debt.

10. The *Bristol Church* have experienced a year of unmingled blessing. Their efforts to pay the debt on their Church property has been successful, the amount being paid last New Year's day. The observance of the week of prayer was marked by great tenderness, confession of sin, and a spirit of humble petition to God. In January they commenced a series of meetings, which continued with unfailing interest for thirteen weeks—the Lord came down with mighty power. Great seriousness characterized their congregations; the entire Church was revived, and the whole community was pervaded by Divine influence. They have repaired their Church building externally and internally, from the bottom of the foundation to the top of the tower, at a cost of $1500, of which $1000 have been paid, and the remainder they expect to raise on the day of re-opening.

11. The *Davisville Church* report a very good state of things financially. Over $1500 of the incumbrances against their meeting-house and parsonage have been cancelled during the year, leaving their present indebtedness just eighty dollars. They are about finishing two rooms in the rear of their session room, which will add much to their comfort on baptismal occasions. They are aiming to secure a good Church Library, to which the whole community may have access at a moderate cost, and to do away with what is technically called the "Sunday-school library," with its mode of distribution, by allowing the Sunday-school the free use of the books. In spiritual

things they are not able to make so good a report. There is a good degree of unanimity among them, but not that nearness to God in their daily life there ought to be. They hope this want of interest in their own spiritual life may not long continue.

12. The *Bridgeport Church* are rejoicing in the return of their former Pastor, Bro. MILLER JONES, and hope the Divine glory may be promoted by the reunion. All their services have been regularly maintained, but without any special religious interest. That they again have no baptism to report, both saddens and humbles them, and also deeply impresses them with their need of a fresh manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power. Their prayers are becoming more and more fervent. "O Lord revive thy work!" They have recently adopted the "Envelope System," to meet their current expenses, and are thus far well satisfied with the results.

13. The *Nicetown Church* during the past year have regularly maintained the stated services of the Sabbath, and their Friday evening prayer meeting. A few extra meetings were held, which resulted in the conversion of some precious souls, and they trust much seed was sown, which shall yet spring up and bear fruit to the honor and glory of God. Their Sabbath-school is not as flourishing as it might be, their great want being efficient, faithful teachers. Still they would thank God and take courage that nine scholars have been brought to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal. They have been compelled to cut off some who were dead branches, but the loss in numbers will be more than compensated for by the gain in moral power.

14. The *Manayunk Church* rejoice in the faithful administration of the Word and ordinances, by which means, although not much increased in numbers, they have increased in evangelical strength and efficiency. The Lord has not quite forgotten them, but has granted them a few mercy-drops of encouragement by allowing them to occasionally visit the baptismal waters, while some who had departed from their first love have been led by the grace of the Spirit to repentance, and a return to the Lord. Their prayer meetings are not so numerously attended as they should be, though many seasons of refreshing have been enjoyed by those who have attended.

15. The *First Germantown Church* set apart the first week in December last for special prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Every evening of the week they met, and soon it became evident that God was near to hear, for not only did He awaken the Church, but sinners soon began to inquire what they must do to be saved. For several months the interest continued, and often the baptismal waters were troubled. In February last, a unanimous call was extended to Bro. MELVILLE C. THWING to become their pastor, who began his pastoral duties there in June, and is now laboring acceptably to them. The twentieth anniversary of their existence as a

Church, was appropriately observed by them on the 29th of April last, and was an event of marked interest to them.

16. The *Cold Point Church*, as they look back over golden opportunities, lament that they have not shown as high an appreciation of all God's benefits as they should. His dealings with them have been of such a character that they can truly say "goodness and mercy have followed us." Although not permitted to gather so large a number of souls as last year, yet the Master has encouraged their hearts and blessed their labors by giving them more than a score; while this is indicative of prosperity, their real prosperity has been more financially than numerically. They have been enabled to pay off $400 more of the indebtedness of their Church edifice, besides making an increase to their pastor's salary, and raising more for benevolent objects than they did last year.

17. The *Olivet Church, Philadelphia*, regret to have to report that their gratitude to God for His abounding grace, has fallen very short of their indebtedness—their fruitfulness in good works far below the measure of their blessings. During the winter months their work was prosecuted in much affliction, as the fearful epidemic wrought its will, filling many hearts and homes with sadness, yet they are permitted to record the wonderful works of God in the conversion of sinners, the preservation of believers, and the translation of saints. The various departments of their work have, through the good providence of God, been carried forward without interruption; and their home and mission schools, under efficient officers and teachers, have maintained a good degree of vigor, and been blessed with marked tokens of Divine favor.

18. The *Lawrenceville Church*, feel they have reason to be thankful to God for his unmistakable presence. Some have found peace in believing, and others seem to be almost persuaded. Their Pastor, Bro. A. H. Emmons, has left them for another field of labor, although perfect harmony existed between them. With the blessed assurance that the Master will never leave them nor forsake them, they are resigned to His will, trusting that He will not leave them without a shepherd. Being financially poor, makes it impossible for them to support a pastor worthy of the field. In addition to their weekly prayer meeting, they hold meetings every two weeks on Sabbath morning, and every Sabbath evening, and in case no one is present to preach, they hold prayer meeting.

19. The *Enon Church, Philadelphia*, "are pained to announce that we address you for the last time. Long before this letter shall have reached you, we, as a Church, shall have ceased to exist. After twelve years of trial and sacrifice, with but little sympathy and encouragement, we have reached the conclusion that the cause of our dear Master would be better advanced by our withdrawal from the field, and its transfer to other hands.

We have, therefore, conveyed our property (worth, we believe, some four or five thousand dollars, clear of all incumbrances) to the Pennsylvania Baptist General Association, for denomination use, by whom arrangements are about being made for another Church organization. We pray that the new denominational offspring may receive better nursing and more tender care than it was our lot to receive. All we desire for ourselves is the record, 'they have fought the good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith!' Farewell."—(February 8th, 1872.)

20. The *Gwynedd Church* have experienced a year of mingled blessing and trial. During the year the Holy Spirit in his saving power visited some of the Churches near them, and they were permitted to share in the gracious influence. With but little extra preaching, and chiefly as the result of meetings held from house to house, combined with pastoral visitation and individual Christian effort, seven have been added to their number by baptism. Since March last, their Pastor, Bro. SCOTT, has been laid entirely aside from pulpit and pastoral labor by a very prostrating disease of the lungs. Their pulpit was supplied for several weeks by Brethren N. B. BALDWIN and C. T. HALLOWELL, neighboring pastors, and more recently by Bro. *Isaac G. Freed*, a member of the Church, who has lately relinquished a good business to devote himself to the preaching of the gospel, to whom they have granted a license. Owing to the kindness of these brethren in laboring without pecuniary reward, they have been able to continue their pastor's salary. They hope he may yet be restored to health, and enabled to resume his labors among them.

21. The *Doylestown Church* trust that considerable progress has been made. There has been an evident growth in the knowledge of God on the part of many of their members. They have learned to study and prize His word, faith has increased, prevalent prayer is a reality with many, and joy and peace fill their hearts as never before. These they regard as tokens and pledges of coming power and blessing. They have made some advance toward the completion of their Church edifice, at a cost of $700. The prayer meetings are well attended; the Church Bible-school is prosperous and steadily growing, and their influence in the community is continually extending. Their congregations are good, attentive, and serious, and they are looking in earnest expectation to God for strength to quicken them and convert sinners.

22. The *Third Germantown Church* cannot, as in former years, preface their letter with thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for a great refreshing from His presence in their midst. The year has been one of dullness and indifference; their congregations decreased in numbers, and while their pastor and some of the brethren labored faithfully, there seemed to be no hearty response from the membership generally, nor continued prayer for the revival of Christ's love in their own hearts, or for the conversion of sinners. Yet God did not entirely abandon them, as some were,

they trust, hopefully converted and baptized. Their condition was not improved by the loss of their Pastor, A. H. LUNG, who resigned his charge on June 1st. They are praying for a man of God to be directed to them, full of the Master's wisdom and the Master's love, to build up Zion in their midst, and to reap the rich harvest of souls which seems sure to follow earnest work.

23. The *Holmesburg Church* trust that the Master has not yet said of them as of Sardis: "Thou hast a name that thou livest, but art dead." While in some respects they have made no advance, yet in others they have reason to thank God for what He has enabled them to do. Their financial condition has been improving, and is now better than ever before. A baptistery has been put into the Church, $500 added to the annual salary of their pastor, while over $1000 more has been raised and expended this than last year, the average amount per member being over $19.00 The burden of Church expenses has been increased, but the contributions to objects of benevolence has not been diminished. The Sabbath-school prospers, and is increasing in numbers. The Byberry Chapel is about half completed.

24. The *Lancaster Church* have had many discouragements, and yet the Lord has been good to them, especially in bringing their little band regularly up to the house of prayer and worship. They are still without a pastor, and have been during the year, but their Hall has been regularly opened for service and Sabbath-school, and their morning services have been either prayer and conference, or a sermon read by one of their members. They have been struggling now for three years, and for two and a half years of that time have been without a pastor; every effort to obtain one has proven fruitless, and just now they are in a quandary to know what to do. They have secured a desirable lot, and have taken the preliminary steps to commence a building.

25. The *Second Reading Church* feel sad when they look over their past year's labor and see so little fruit, but the Lord's ways they are not at all times able to comprehend, and instead of leaving them to follow their own ways, he has shown them a more "excellent way" in that "tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed." Although cast down, they are not destroyed. Their late Pastor, Bro. MILLER JONES, (whose labors were blessed while with them) has left them for another field of labor. Since then they have kept up their Sabbath morning and Wednesday evening service; though the attendance has been small, they feel that the Lord has fulfilled His promise, and has been with them to own and bless.

26. The *Bethesda Church, Philadelphia*, have not made as much progress in divine life as they should have done, yet have found whenever they have called upon their Father in Heaven, He has always blessed them. Many

dark days have they passed through as a Church, wondering what was in store for them next. After having improved their house of worship, to make it more comfortable to worship in, they were visited by thieves, who stole their carpets, and they now do not feel secure in leaving anything of value there. During the year they have purchased a piece of ground 62x 100, corner Fifth and Venango streets, for $1100, paying $600 in cash, leaving $500 still to pay for. They have invited Bro. *John Humpstone*, of Crozer Theological Seminary, to become their stated supply, which he accepted, but has been prevented from entering upon his labors by sickness.

27. The *Bethany Church*, (*Fox Chase*), *Philadelphia*, have nothing to communicate of special interest. Spiritually the year has been one of dearth, and they have to mourn over their general apathy and indifference; yet the Spirit of all grace has not been wholly absent, and some souls have been led to fall at the footstool of Divine mercy, and raise the cry for pardon—have known the rapture of that peace that passeth all understanding, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. It has been their lot to be deprived of their pastor the greater part of the time since last winter, but their pulpit was acceptably supplied in his absence, and they hope the seed thus sown may bring forth its fruit in due season. Their pastor having been permitted to return to remain permanently, so far as they are able to see, they hope through the blessing of God to rejoice in seeing the fruit of his labors among them.

28. The *York Church* was constituted May 21, 1851, and dedicated their house of worship September 14, 1856. At a meeting of the Church held June 2, 1872, it was voted to withdraw from the Central Union Association, and make application for membership to the North Philadelphia Association. As a Church they have never prospered greatly, yet they thank God for His goodness and mercy on bearing with their infirmities and unfaithfulness so long. During the past year the word has been preached, Bible-schools and prayer meetings have been kept up, and they fondly hope that the seed thus sown may yet produce a glorious harvest.

CONSTITUTION.

At a Convention of delegates from the following Churches, viz: *First Philadelphia*, *First Reading*, *Harrisburg*, *Willistown*, *Mt. Pleasant*, *Hatborough*, *West Caln*, *North*, Philadelphia; *Solebury*, *Bristol*, *Davisville*, *Bridgeport*, *Franklin*, Philadelphia; *Manayunk*, Philadelphia; *First Germantown*, Philadelphia; *Plymouth*, *Olivet*, Philadelphia; and *Lawrenceville*, held May 17th, A. D. 1858, and perfected September 28th, 1858, it was resolved to organize an Association and maintain the following Articles of CONSTITUTION.

I

This body shall be known by the name of THE NORTH PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES.

II.

The objects of this Association shall be, while fully recognizing the independence of the respective churches of which the Association is composed, to increase brotherly love; to hold meetings for devotional and other Christian exercises; to collect and publish the statistics of the churches thus associated; and to promote the strictly religious prosperity of the churches, and the advancement of the Baptist denomination in the district embraced by the Association.

III.

To advance these objects, an annual meeting of the body shall be held, commencing on the last Tuesday in September, at 10½ o'clock A. M., when an introductory sermon shall be delivered by a brother previously chosen; immediately after which a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and a majority of the votes given shall be requisite to an election, provided, that if on the first balloting no person shall receive a majority of the votes given, the two highest candidates, in either case, shall be balloted for, and the one having the majority of votes, in either case, shall be elected.

IV.

Each Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to five Delegates, with an additional Delegate for every fifty of its members. Each Church is expected to send annually, for Printing the Minutes and other Incidental Expenses, not less than three cents for each member.

V.

Business generally shall originate from the minutes of the last year, or the letters of the present; but other religious matters may be introduced by consent of a majority of its members.

VI.

Any Church of the same faith and order with this body, applying for the privilege, may be admitted into this Association by the consent of two-thirds of the members of the body present at an annual meeting; and any Church may withdraw from the Association at its own discretion; or the body may dissolve its connection with any Church neglecting to send an annual letter and its Delegates to its sessions, or which may be considered by the body to hold any unscriptural doctrine or practice.

VII.

When a motion shall be made at any meeting of the Association, concerning which, there shall be a division of opinion, at the request of any twelve members, the vote shall be taken by Churches, each Church having one vote; and that vote shall be what a majority of the Messengers or Delegates of such Church shall direct.

VIII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present on the second day of the annual session of the body.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every sitting of this body shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

2. A collection shall be taken after the Introductory Sermon, to defray the incidental expenses.

3. As soon as convenient after the organization the following Committees shall be appointed:—1. On the Admission of Churches. 2. On the Church History. 3. On the Minutes of Corresponding Bodies. 4. On the State of the Churches. 5. To audit the Treasurer's account. 6. On Arrangements for the next Session. 7. On Obituaries. 8. Missionary.

4. A committee shall be annually appointed so to arrange the devotional exercises, as to occupy the whole time not needed for the business of the Association.

5. The Moderator shall preside, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association. He shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered; and when two or more rise to speak at the same time, he shall name the one entitled to the floor. Motions, made and seconded, shall be stated by the Moderator, previous to any discussion thereof. All resolutions shall be offered in writing.

6. The following shall be the order of business:

I. The Letters from the Churches shall be read Tuesday afternoon.

II. The hour of meeting on Tuesday evening shall be fixed at 7 o'clock, when there shall be held a general missionary meeting, consisting of short addresses and prayers offered for the success of our Missionary work.

III. The session of Wednesday forenoon shall be devoted, as far as necessary to reports of committees and miscellaneous business, to close with the doctrinal sermon.

IV. Wednesday afternoon shall be strictly devoted to carrying out the last clause of Article II of the Constitution, after the following arrangement:

1 Reading of the Church History. 2. Immediately thereafter, report of the committee "on the State of the Churches," introducing to the Association any queries from the churches, or any matters of interest pertaining to Sunday-schools, the Discipline of the Churches, Prayer and Revival Meetings, &c. 3. Report of the Missionary Committee.

7. No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

8. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, except such record be ordered by the body.

9. Any proposition or motion under debate, which shall contain two or more points, shall be divided, at the request of any member present, and voted on separately.

10. The *last* notice, the *largest* sum, the *greatest* number, and the *most distant* day shall have precedence, in the order in which they stand.

11. When a motion is made to decide a question without debate, if twelve members rise in their places to sustain it, the motion shall be put; and a majority shall determine whether the question shall be decided without further debate or not.

12. When a member is about to speak, or communicate any information to the Association, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

13. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the Association.

14. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association without leave of the Moderator.

15. Brethren invited to seats shall have the privilege of debate, but not of voting.

16. Any member of this Association present at the meeting of any corresponding Association and presenting a copy of our last minutes, containing his name, may be considered as our delegate to that body.

17. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, except when the Association is voting, or a member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

18. The minutes shall be read, subject to correction at the commencement of every morning session, and at the close, before final adjournment.

19. These Rules, together with the Constitution, shall be read at each annual session, immediately after the organization.

THE NEXT SESSION.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches will be held with the Bristol Baptist Church, Bucks County, Pa., on the last Tuesday in September, 1873, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Bro. A. J. Hastings, or Bro. P. L. Jones, alternate. Bro. W. H. Conard to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, or Bro. C. R. Hendrickson, alternate. History of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

The pastor and deacons of the Bristol Church are the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The attention of the churches is called to the following items:

Article IV. of Constitution—the amount for printing Minutes, *three cents per member.*

Minutes Item 44.—*Resolved*, That we earnestly renew our recommendation to the churches of this Association to contribute not less than *ten cents per member*, annually, to our Church Building Loan Fund.

Recommend, "That the last evening prayer meeting before the next session be devoted by each church to special prayer for the blessing of God to attend the Annual Meeting of this body."

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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